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TEN CENTS A WEEK

ROOSEVELT RECEIVES COTTON COMMITTEE

Commission Wants To Extend
Trade Into The Orient.

PRESIDENT PROMISES TO HELP

Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, Made Strong Plea for Congressional Aid in the Movement—Happenings in House and Senate.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Roosevelt today received the commission representing the Interstate Southern Cotton convention at New Orleans to urge the creation of a commission to extend the foreign markets for cotton products. The delegation consisted of about a dozen members, headed by former Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina. The committee urged immediate steps looking to congressional action for this purpose in behalf of the cotton interests. The president discussed the question with the delegation and stated that he would take it up with the men who represent the cotton belt in congress. He assured the committee that he would do all he could to facilitate the movement.

The committee later conferred with Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

In the House.

A resolution providing for early consideration of bills allowing homestead entries of 640 acres each in eastern Colorado and South Dakota was the first business in the house today. It was called up under suspension of the rules and was opposed by Mr. Maddox (Ga.) who forced a count of the house on a point of no quorum, and also a debate on the adoption of the resolution.

After a prolonged discussion the rules were suspended and the resolution was passed.

Consideration of the naval appropriation bill was then resumed.

In the Senate.

The first part of the session of the senate today was devoted to routine business. A number of bills were passed.

Among them was one authorizing the award of the bronze medals of honor to persons displaying conspicuous bravery in saving lives in railroad wrecks which measure had passed the house.

The senate committee on foreign relations today discussed but reached no decision on the Santo Domingo treaty. It will come up again at a meeting to be held Wednesday.

The president today sent to the senate the following nominations:

Postmasters: Louisiana—D. S. Edwards, Opelousas; Lavinia Insley, Delhi.

Oklahoma—Eusterton C. Barnes, Ponca.

Also promotions in the army.

ST. LOUIS BOODLER ON TRIAL.

Accused of Accepting Bribes from the Street Railway Company.

Burler, Mo., Feb. 21.—After a delay of nearly three years, the trial of Charles Kratz, of St. Louis, a former member of the municipal assembly of that city, charged with accepting a bribe from an agent of the suburban street railway company to pass a bill giving an extensive franchise to that corporation, began here today in the Bates county circuit court.

Kratz was arrested in St. Louis some three years ago and after his release on bond went to Mexico and his extradition came only after a special treaty had been arranged with that government through the personal interest taken in the case by President Roosevelt. Kratz was then arraigned for trial in St. Louis, but secured a change of venue to Butler.

\$150,000 Fire at Tyler, Tex.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 21.—A special from Tyler, Tex., says that a disastrous fire raged there at an early hour Sunday morning. Seven business houses were consumed, entailing a loss estimated at \$150,000. The insurance totals \$45,000.

CAPTURED COUNTERBAND COAL.

Japanese Stop British Steamer Bound For Port of Vladivostok.

Tokio, Feb. 20.—3:30 p. m.—The capture is announced by the navy department of the British steamer Powderham, bound for Vladivostok with a cargo of Cardiff coal. Where the capture was made is not stated.

The Powderham is a steel screw steamer 3,019 tons register. She was built in Middlesboro in 1892, and is owned by the Powderham Steamship company, of Plymouth, England.

Russians Building Light Railroads.

Tokio, Feb. 21.—It is reported that the Russians have constructed two light railways, one connecting Fushan and Yending and another connecting with other activities, and the heavy concentration of troops indicates a plan to turn General Kuroki's right.

General Kuropatkin is continuing his operations of increasing his entire defenses, and gives indication of a resolute intention of retaining his position when the expected great battle occurs. The Tokio newspapers print the statement that 126 Japanese who were captured at Heikoutai were roped together and paraded through the street of Mukden. This information comes from Chinese sources, and it is impossible to obtain verification here. It is said that there will be an official inquiry into the matter and that the Japanese government will make a protest if the report is found to be true.

Third Pacific Squadron Sails.

Copenhagen, Feb. 21.—The Third Pacific squadron passed the southern end of Langeland island this morning.

The squadron which consisted of four iron clads and four transports proceeded northward and passed the northern point of Langeland, escorted by a Danish torpedo boat and a German iron clad. The latter after traversing the Langeland belt returned southwards.

Russians Wasting Ammunition.

Tokio, Feb. 21.—The headquarters of the Japanese army in Manchuria report that the Russians moved a division from the front to the left and advanced from Ta mountain. Several columns moved 15 miles westward, halting at Hangchiataitzu which is 2 miles northwest of Wanchiyuantzu.

The Russians continued to shell portions of the Japanese lines Saturday and the Japanese frequently failed to respond to the bombardment, which was often entirely ineffective and is described as being largely a waste of ammunition.

ATLANTA HAS ANOTHER FREEZE.

Ice and Sleet for the Fourth Time This Winter Covers Gate City.

Atlanta, Feb. 21.—Another Sunday freeze, the fourth one in as many weeks, fell upon Atlanta Sunday.

While the storm was not as bad as the three previous ones, it covered trees and houses and the streets with ice and made walking dangerous.

Some of the trolley cars were interfered with, as was the telegraph and telephone companies.

The official observations show that the temperature has varied very little within the last 24 hours, and since 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon there has been a variation of only 2 degrees, ranging from 31 to 33.

The drop to 31 occurred shortly before 3 o'clock Sunday evening, at which time a misty rain was falling, which froze as it struck the trees and trolley wires to an extent that suggested a repetition of the scenes of a few days ago. At that time, however, the mercury was standing around 25 degrees, and this difference, together with the warm rain of Monday morning has so far prevented a return of the memorable experiences of ten days ago.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 21.—A report of an explosion in Providence, near St. Clairsville, O., states that several people were killed and many hurt. A 25-horse power boiler exploded, wrecking the boiler and engine house. Twelve persons were injured. Two have since died and three are said to have been fatally hurt.

HOLD YOUR COTTON; THE FIGHT IS WON

Declares President Jordan of
Cotton Growers Association

VICTORY IS NOW CERTAIN

Exporters Are Short and Need the Spot Cotton and Will Pay for It at Advanced Prices—Reduce Acreage 25 Per Cent, and Stand Pat.

Atlanta, Feb. 21.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, has issued the following letter to the cotton planters of the south:

"The delegates to the state and territorial conventions on the 21st should pass ringing resolutions endorsing the policy of the Southern Cotton association to secure a reduction of at least 25 per cent in the cotton acreage and use of commercial fertilizers to be used under cotton for 1905; also calling upon every spot holder of cotton to tighten his grip and refuse to market a single bale until the price advances to fair and legitimate figures. The New Orleans convention adopted a resolution, which was unanimous, calling upon the people to hold their spot cotton until prices reached 10 cents per pound delivered at the ports, which would make the price about 9.50 in the interior. The only way to break the present advancing market is to throw spot cotton on the market and enable the buyers to fill their contracts.

Exporters Are Short.

"Recent investigations at all prominent cotton centers show beyond all doubt that exporters are heavily short of spot cotton to fill their contracts with. They will be utterly unable to carry out these contracts at present prices if the holders will stand pat and refuse to sell. The crisis in the situation is rapidly crystallizing, and but one of two things must happen in the near future. Either the farmers and other holders of cotton must relieve the predicament the buyers are in by selling at present prices, be forced to go actively into the spot market and bid prices up to a point where the spot holders are willing to sell. The fight is now whipped and all the farmers have to do is to continue to hold their cotton and force the buyers to pay what the cotton is worth. The exporters are heavily short for all the future months; therefore, when sales are made, sell only a small portion of your holdings and keep the buyers strained up to fill their contracts. The price of cotton can be advanced 2 cents per pound within the next 60 days if cotton is held firmly as at present. Let there be no wavering anywhere in the ranks.

Reduction of Acreage.

"From many sections inquiries are coming in asking if a farmer who planted only ten acres of cotton to the plow in 1904 should reduce his acreage 25 per cent also. The general cut of at least 25 per cent should be made on every farm, no matter what acreage. Extensive cotton fields should be cut 33 per cent. It is better to work eight acres in cotton at a profit than to cultivate 16 acres at a loss. The man who does not reduce his acreage will be making a profit on the cotton he raises at the expense of his neighbors who do reduce. Let every man put his shoulder to the wheel. Let the reduction be prorated according to the acreage planted in 1904, on a basis of at least 25 per cent less, and no man will have cause to regret his action next fall.

"Reduce the use of guano at least 25 per cent and in no instance increase its use under cotton. We must decrease production this year, and this is the only way to do it. Plant more food supply crops.

"The movement to retire the surplus of 2,000,000 bales from the market until next fall will soon be started, and will be successful. With the surplus out of the way, and the reduction of acreage and use of guano as accomplished fact, the balance of the crop left in the hands of the holders will be needed for immediate consumption

tion and can be sold easily at much higher prices than those at present prevailing.

"The state conventions on the 21st should also pass resolutions calling upon landlords to divide up their rent notes, taking part rent in cotton and part in corn, peas, etc. Also call upon the warehousemen, merchants and bankers to aid in bringing about a reduction in the acreage.

"Continue to perfect county and sub-county division organizations and by active co-operation and unity of action along business lines the Southern Cotton association will soon be able to emancipate the south from foreign domination and bring back to our people genuine prosperity through the protection of the great money crop of the world. Harvie Jordan. Pres. Southern Cotton Assn."

NEWS FROM ST. PETERSBURG.

Russian Employers and Workmen to Hold a Big Conference.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—Senator Shidlovski, president of the committee appointed by Emperor Nicholas, to ascertain the causes of discontent among the working classes of St. Petersburg in a note issued today invites the employers and workmen to elect representatives to sit on the committee. Factory owners and contractors employing not less than a hundred persons are entitled to elect 15 representatives of the different industries while the workmen of the various establishments can choose electors who will elect delegates to serve on the commission. Each establishment employing 100 to 500 persons is entitled to one elector and those employing 500 to 1,000 persons, two electors. Concerns employing over a thousand persons are entitled to an elector for each 500. Employes. Both men and women are entitled to vote but delegates must be men who have worked at least a year in their respective factories and must be freely elected by the workers themselves without interference on the part of employers. The note issued by Senator Shidlovski guarantees personal safety of the delegates.

Father Gapon in France.

New York, Feb. 21.—It is reported cables the Herald's Paris correspondent, that Father Gapon, leader of the workmen in the recent St. Petersburg disturbances, arrived at Marseilles on his way to Rome, in company with several students. The Russian police agents are making inquiries in Italy as to his residence in that country.

Moscow Student Kills American.

Moscow, Via Vienna, Feb. 21.—An American named MacLeanland, a popular professor and English lecturer at the Commercial academy at Moscow, was shot dead by an academy student named Sianow for political reasons. Sianow immediately committed suicide.

DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Italians Who Killed Old Woman Pays Death Penalty.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Frank Rimiero and Adolph Koenig were put to death in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison today. Both executions were carried out without incident. Two shocks were given in each case.

Rimiero murdered Maceo Pintao, a rival junk dealer in Brooklyn as the result of a quarrel over the ownership of a quantity of old bottles.

Koenig strangled Mrs. Mary Kaufman to death in a West Fortieth street house last May and then attempted to end his life by driving a knife into his abdomen, but recovered after several weeks.

\$25,000 For Attempt to Kiss.

Kansas City, Feb. 21.—Suit for \$25,000 damages has been instituted by Mrs. Martha Z. Cunningham against the Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance company, of St. Paul, and John O. O'Shaughnessy, field manager and vice president of the company, who had offices in this city. Mrs. Cunningham alleges in her petition that when she was cashier of the local office O'Shaughnessy attempted to hug and kiss her. Her constant refusal, she says, caused him to threaten her with discharge and finally he did discharge her.

ONE KILLED AND FORTY ARE INJURED

Fast Train On the Erie Railroad
Jumps the Track.

TRACK TORN UP FOR 1,000 FEET

The Exact Cause of the Accident Is Not Known—The Train Was Heavily Loaded—Work of Rescuing the Injured Was Quickly Begun.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 21.—An east-bound train known as the Middletown Flyer, on the Erie railroad, jumped the track today between Fairlawn and Warren Point on the Bergen county branch, 3 miles east of here. One girl was killed and it is believed between 40 and 50 persons were injured, some seriously.

The dead:

Miss Grace Matthews, of Middletown, N. Y.

An unidentified woman is suffering from a fractured skull and will die. The entire train of five cars was derailed but the locomotive remained on the track. A special train with physicians and nurses was hurried to the scene of the accident, and the victims will be taken to Jersey City.

The exact cause of the accident is unknown, but is believed it was caused by the breaking of a flange on one of the cars.

The first of the injured to reach Paterson, was a man named Montgomery, of Suffern. He was only slightly hurt. He said:

"We were running at a high rate of speed when the accident happened. The whole train except the engine went off the rails onto the ties and then toppled down an embankment. The first car turned completely over and lay bottom up at the bottom of the ditch, while the three other cars turned over on their side. The train was well loaded and a large number of persons were injured and one girl was killed. The work of rescuing the injured was begun quickly by those who escaped unharmed and persons living in the vicinity. As soon as a telephone office could be reached messages were sent asking for assistance. When I left the scene of the wreck almost all of the injured seemed to be able to walk."

About a thousand feet of track were torn up.

Six Killed in Iowa Wreck.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 21.—Six persons were killed in a wreck on the Rock Island railway a mile and a half west of Wiota, Iowa, at noon today.

BIG FIRE AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Loss May Reach Million and Half Dollars—One Fireman Hurt.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 21.—For four hours Sunday night the wholesale district bounded by Georgia and Meridian streets, Jackson place and the union depot sheds, was menaced by a fire which started in the wholesale warehouses of the Fahnley & McCrea Millinery company. At 9:30 o'clock three general alarms brought into action every department in the city and suburbs. When the fire was brought under control eight buildings, among which were three hotels, had been completely destroyed, causing a loss estimated at \$1,500,000. One fireman was hurt by falling walls.

In the A. Kiefer Drug company's warehouses were many barrels of oils and explosives were stored, and in the Deimeisch company's wholesale house, where a season's stock of fireworks were located, several serious explosions occurred.

Congressman Otis Dead.

New York, Feb. 21.—Congressman Norton P. Otis, of the nineteenth district died early today at his home in Yonkers, aged 65 years. Mr. Otis was born in Halifax, Vt., and traced his ancestry to the John Otis, who came from Hingham, Eng., to Massachusetts in 1635. His father invented the elevator and surrounded the company which bears his name.